

W. M. Brown Home¹⁴⁸
Spring Hill, Alabama

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer
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W. M. BROWN PLACE.
Spring Hill, Mobile County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: W. M. Brown.

Previous Owners: Paul, Oscar, Eunice Chaudron.
Thomas Hamilton.
Melancton Mc Vey.

Date of Erection: 1828.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Paul, Oscar and Eunice Chaudron.

Present Condition: Good.

Materials of Construction: Two story; frame substructure over basement of brick; raised cottage type; porch extends around entire house with colonade of small square columns.

Other Existing Records:

See:

"HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF OLD MOBILE"

By John F. Glennon & Rosemary Glennon.

Buildings sketched by Chici Glennon Lasley.

Additional Data: More than a century ago, the Spring Hill district was highly favored as a residential section, and many prominent Mobile citizens built their homes there. Numbered among these were many French families, who bought lots when the Spring Hill "section" was divided and built homes near the dwelling sketched above. On May 8, 1828, Paul, Osoar and Eunice Chaudren and Coralie Batre bought lots 70 and 85 from Peter Hobatt on which they built this dwelling. Their ownership of the place continued until June, 1852, when it was sold to Thomas A. Hamilton. After passing through the hands of several owners, the property was acquired by Melancton McVoy in 1883. He lived there until 1903, when he sold to the W. M. Brown family, who still occupy and enjoy it.

As disclosed by the accompanying sketch, this is a typically old-time Southern home. A careful inspection of the premises leads one to believe that the gallery, as originally constructed, ran all the way around the building, and that the lower portion was used only for kitchen purposes, as was customary in those days. Though a frame structure, the building is still in excellent condition.

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